

WALDO GIVES RECORD OF HIS POLICE WORK IN FIGURES OF RAIDS

Gambling and Disorderly
Houses Broken Up and Of-
fenders Convicted.

A statement showing what has been done in the way of suppressing gambling houses and disorderly houses during the active term of Police Commissioner Waldo was issued at Headquarters today. It covers the period from June 1, 1911, to Nov. 20, 1913.

In these thirty months the police, under the direction of the Commissioner, have closed 819 gambling houses, and arrested 1,325 gamblers. Of the prisoners taken, 561 were convicted, 1,180 were discharged, sentence was suspended in 30 cases and 156 cases are pending in the courts. The number of fines imposed was 332, and the amount collected was \$9,248.

When Commissioner Waldo took office he found that it was customary for gamblers to go into the municipal courts and replevin gambling apparatus seized in raids. By persistent effort he obtained authority to destroy such property, and in the past year he has caused the destruction of \$125,000 worth of steel and "ice box" doors, faro tables, crap tables, roulette tables and wheels, poker tables, chips, cards and furniture.

During the period covered by the report the police closed 144 disorderly houses and made 2,218 arrests. Sentence was suspended in 107 cases, there are 129 cases pending, 711 prisoners were discharged, and 1,378 were convicted. There were 182 fines imposed in the disorderly house cases amounting to \$20,000.

FALLS 40 FEET INTO DITCH.

Victim, Dropping, Knocks Down
Iron Beam, Which Cuts Fellow
Workman.

Edward Fahey, an iron worker, was making fast a chain to a girder on the edge of an excavation at Park avenue and Fifty-fifth street this morning when he lost his balance and fell forty feet into the soft mud at the bottom of the cut. As he fell he struck some light iron beams and knocked them in also. One hit James Mortenson, of No. 521 Clinton street, Brooklyn, on the head and cut his scalp.

Other workers raised both men to the surface. Fahey was found to have internal injuries and to be so badly hurt that he was taken to the Flower Hospital. Mortenson went home.

POLICE HONOR DR. STIRES

Rector of St. Thomas's Church Made
Legionnaire of Department.

Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church at Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street, and a chaplain of the Police Department, will tonight be made an honorary member of the Honor Legion of the department.

Vincent Astor, Andrew Carnegie and Rev. Father Sullivan are honorary members of the legion, which comprises members of the force distinguished for gallant conduct. The legion meets tonight to make final arrangements for its dinner to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria on the night of Jan. 22.

**YOU eat
break-
fast to give
your body
nourish-
ment for the
day's work.**

If you can eat
a food that has
nutriment and
superlative flavor
—so much the
better. That's
H-O, the only
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WOMEN WORTH WHILE CRAIG IS ACQUITTED

In Society at Washington
As Seen From the Outside



MRS. W. F. McCOMBS
Romance of a Capital
Belle, Mrs. William F.
McCombs, Who Divided
Attention with the
Bride at the Recent
White House Wedding.

(Special to The Evening World.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—At the White House wedding the other day there was a slender young girl in blue velvet who almost shared honors with the bride. Throughout the afternoon and evening she and the keen-eyed, smiling man beside her were surrounded by Cabinet members, diplomats and other members of the Capital's smart set who were of the capital's smart set who were young people, as with the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, good wishes and congratulations seemed to be the order of the day.

The young girl in blue velvet was Mrs. William F. McCombs, formerly Dorothy Williams of Washington. Now that she is the bride of the brilliant young lawyer who managed the campaign that placed President Wilson in the White House, the whole country wants to read about her. With the Democratic victory, Mr. McCombs became a national figure. Now he has successfully played the leading role in a romance that is romantic enough to suit the most exacting.

Dorothy Williams made her debut in Washington in 1909. She was a running mate of Ethel Roosevelt and Helen Taft, and for four years was one of the capital's acknowledged belles. She sang and danced her way into the heart of every eligible bachelor in Washington's official set, and was rumored engaged to each of them at some time or another.

Mr. McCombs came on to Washing-

ton for President Wilson's inauguration.

At one of the numerous big dinners given then he met Miss Williams. After that, nobody else could meet him. Old friends who had journeyed to Washington to witness the inauguration ceremony left town without congratulating Mr. McCombs on the part he played in the President's election. With the same directness and enthusiasm that had contributed to his success as Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, he was now paying court to Miss Williams.

Suddenly Mr. McCombs left this country for Europe. And rumor, which was just about to announce him engaged to Miss Williams, forgot all about the mat-

ter. Then Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, chartered the Harvard Gould yacht for a trip around the world. Miss Dorothy Williams and her young sister were to join them in Paris and be their guests for the remainder of the cruise.

It didn't happen that way at all. In Paris Miss Williams and Mr. McCombs met once more. The niece began by him in Washington was renewed. Suddenly a cablegram dropped like a bomb into Washington's exclusive circles. The message stated—not that Mrs. Williams and Mr. McCombs were engaged, but that they were to be married the next day. And they were, in London.

There was no trousseau, and there were no bridesmaids, with the exception of the bride's younger sister, who slipped into her trousseau from the crowd as much of honor at the ceremony. The young people went to the nearest and most convenient church for the ceremony, but the Leiters were there and Col. and Mrs. Williams, the bride's parents, and a number of distinguished guests. Among those were the Customs Mr. Leiter's sister married Lord Curzon, the Countess of Suffolk, the Countess of Craven, the American Ambassador, Walter Page and Mrs. Page, and the attaches of the London Embassy.

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Years ago Hall's Hotel was a rendezvous for prominent politicians. It is a four-story building, with the bar-room on the ground floor and the hotel entrance on the Duane street side. Many New York Mayors and other officials have taken their meals there in bygone days. Since last night's visit it has been in charge of a policeman from the Elizabeth street station.

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WITHOUT DEFENSE ON KNABE MURDER CHARGE

No Proof That He Killed
Woman, Court Says in Or-
dering His Discharge.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Dr. William R. Craig was today acquitted of the charge of murdering Dr. Helene Knabe in her apartments in Indianapolis Oct. 28, 1911. After a trial that began Nov. 28, and with only the State's side presented, the defense's motion to take the case from the jury and dismiss was granted by Judge Blair today.

Judge Blair held that the State had introduced no evidence that Craig had murdered Dr. Knabe.

"I recognize the unusual procedure of taking a case of such magnitude from the jury," said the Court, "but I have gone through the evidence and find that the State failed to support the charge. The prosecution also failed to show that a marriage contract existed between the defendant and Dr. Knabe."

So far as the evidence shows, their relations were pure. His auto rides with her and other attentions were merely acts of kindness.

Judge Blair laid stress on the fact that both Arnold Moore, who saw a mysterious peeper at Dr. Knabe's bedroom window, and Harry Haskell, who

encountered a man running from the slain woman's apartments on the night of the crime, could not positively identify Dr. Craig as the man they saw.

Evidence of Dr. Craig's nervousness following the murder whenever he met Miss Augusta Knabe, cousin of the dead woman, should have no weight, Judge Blair told the jury.

The Court's action surprised no one who had followed the case closely.

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